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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 571-651
Application Number 09/592,436		Filed June 12, 2000
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING A SUBSTANCE USING...		
Art Unit 2881		Examiner DAVID A. VANORE

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.


The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- ☒ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
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- ☐ applicant/inventor.
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71
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- ☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 41,563
- ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
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**Request  
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Application Number	09/592,436
Filing Date	June 12, 2000
First Named Inventor	Lisa Cousins
Art Unit	2881
Examiner Name	David A. Vanore
Attorney Docket Number	571-651

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
ii. ☐ Other

- b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)  
b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 022095

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)  
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)  
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- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Stephen M. Boney	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41,663
Signature		Date	October 7, 2004

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